

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 stand rejected. Claims 1-34 remain pending in this patent application. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth below. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein to this patent application do not add new matter to it.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1, 5-8, 29, 30, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ficco et al., Patent Application Publication Number US 2002/0035404 (hereinafter Ficco).

CLAIM 1

Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco fails to teach or suggest subject matter recited in newly amended independent Claim 1. For instance, amended Claim 1 recites in part (emphasis added):

a personal digital assistant (PDA) that uses a radio frequency (RF) technology for wirelessly transmitting a control signal based on an occurrence of a scheduled time and date; and

a device for receiving said control signal and performing an action corresponding to said control signal, said device for wirelessly transmitting status information to said personal digital assistant, said status information comprises said action currently being or having been performed by said device;

Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco does not teach or suggest a personal digital assistant (PDA) as specifically recited in amended Claim 1. For example, Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco is silent regarding a personal digital assistant (PDA).

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco fails to teach or suggest a device for wirelessly transmitting status information to a personal digital assistant, wherein the status information includes the action currently being or having been performed by the device as explicitly recited in amended Claim 1. For example, Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco is silent about status information including the action currently being or having been performed by the device as recited in amended Claim 1.

Since Ficco fails to teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco does not anticipate the subject matter recited in amended Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 1 is allowable over Ficco.

CLAIM 29

Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco fails to teach or suggest subject matter recited in newly amended independent Claim 29. For instance, amended Claim 29 recites in part (emphasis added):

transmitting a control signal based on an occurrence of a predefined time and date, said transmitting performed by a personal digital assistant (PDA) utilizing a radio frequency (RF) technology;

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said personal digital assistant alarming before said transmitting said control signal to provide ability to change a start time of said action.

Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco fails to teach or suggest a personal digital assistant (PDA) as specifically recited in amended Claim 29. For example, Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco is silent regarding a personal digital assistant (PDA).

Additionally, Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco does not teach or suggest alarming before the transmitting of the control signal to provide ability to change a start time of the action as recited in amended Claim 29. For example, Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco is silent about alarming as explicitly recited in amended Claim 29.

Since Ficco does not teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claim 29, Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco does not anticipate the subject matter recited in amended Claim 29. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 29 is allowable over Ficco.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 4 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco. Claims 2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 18, 24, 25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco in view of Pepe et al., US Patent Number 5,742,905 (hereinafter Pepe). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco in view of Bentley, US Patent Number 6,591,094 (hereinafter Bentley). Claims 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco in view of Pepe and in further view of Bentley. Claims 26-28

- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco and Pepe in
- view of Kim et al., US Patent Number 6,118,926. Claims 11-14, 20-23, and 31 are
- rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ficco in view of Pepe and
- further in view of Mahany et al., US Patent Number 5,657,317

CLAIM 15

Applicants respectfully contend that Ficco and Pepe, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest subject matter recited in newly amended independent Claim 15.

For instance, amended Claim 15 recites in part (emphasis added):

wherein said personal digital assistant remotely triggers said device to perform said action, wherein said personal digital assistant for alarming before wirelessly transmitting said control signal, said alarming provides ability to cancel said action.

Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco and Pepe, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a personal digital assistant for alarming before wirelessly transmitting the control signal, wherein the alarming provides ability to cancel the action as recited in amended Claim 29. For example, Applicants respectfully assert that Ficco and Pepe are silent about alarming as specifically recited in amended Claim 29.

Since Ficco and Pepe, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least one element of newly amended Claim 15, Applicants respectfully contend that amended Claim 15 is not rendered obvious by Ficco and Pepe. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 15 is allowable over Ficco and Pepe.

CONCLUSION

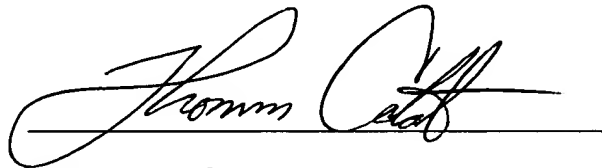
In light of the above listed remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of rejected Claims 1-34.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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